

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 5, CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF MEMPHIS, SO AS TO REQUIRE OWNERS TO PICK UP WASTE DEPOSITED BY CATS AND DOGS

WHEREAS, the residential and tourist population of Memphis continues to grow, and with that increase in the human population there has been an increase in the number of pets and pet owners in the City,

WHEREAS, there is presently no requirement that pet owners pick up waste deposited by their pets, decreasing the level of sanitation and the appearance of the City,

WHEREAS, improving the health, safety, and appearance of the City constitutes a vital means of improving the quality of life for City residents and visitors, and requiring pet owners to pick up any waste deposited by their pets shall contribute to this goal,

NOW, THEREFORE:

SECTION 1. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEMPHIS, That Chapter 5, Article III, of the Code of Ordinances, City of Memphis, be amended by adding the following new section:

Sec. 5-63 Defecation by dogs or cats.

A. It shall be unlawful for any owner of any dog or cat to fail to promptly remove and dispose of, in a sanitary manner, feces left by a dog or cat being handled by that person on property, public or private, other than the premises of the owner or handler of such dog or cat.

B. Persons owning pet dogs or service dogs, such as seeing eye dogs, who are legally blind or confined to a wheelchair and thereby physically incapable of disposing of feces left by their animal, are exempt from this law.

C. Enforcement of this section shall be in accordance with Article IV of this Chapter.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEMPHIS, That this ordinance shall take effect from and after the date it shall have been passed by the Council, signed by the Chairman of the Council, certified and delivered to the Office of the Mayor by the Comptroller and became effective as otherwise provided by law.

Attest:
Danny N. Wray
Comptroller

(Date)

THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE
4826 PASSED
1st Reading 10-3-00
2nd Reading 10-17-00
3rd Reading 11-21-00
Approved Barbara Stevenson
Chairman of Council

Date Signed: Dec. 5, 2000

APPROVED:

[Signature]
Mayor, City of Memphis

Date Signed: 12/26/00

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy, and said document was adopted by the Council of the City of Memphis as above indicated and approved by the Mayor.

[Signature]
Comptroller